

For the Hostess

Chat on Topics of Many Kinds, by a
Recognized Authority

A House Party.

Invitations to this party were sent out on postcards on which there was a snap-shot of the hostess' new home. It was a delightful affair, with unique touches that a clever entertainer always contrives to give her little parties, no matter how informal.

After the dozen chosen friends had arrived and duly admired the cozy porch with its furnishings of green, the maid appeared with cold beverages, which the hostess poured; then she told them she wanted their very best ideas regarding house building; that for the two best plans there were prizes.

Paper and pencils were passed and a half hour allotted for the architects to turn in their creations. The result was delightful. Each one was allowed five minutes to explain the merits of her plan. Some remarkably clever ideas were developed and much unsuspected talent revealed. The prizes were subscriptions to well-known magazines devoted to household affairs, and the favors were tiny wooden Japanese houses filled with bonbons. For refreshments there were canteloupes filled with New York ice cream, iced tea and dainty English biscuits.

In a week or two this same hostess will entertain the same people, and they will "furnish" the houses planned at this party.

It may be readily seen how delightful this exchange of ideas is and how alert it keeps one in observing the best arrangement of all rooms. The making of a real home should be the highest aim of every woman. By that, I mean a home where the needs of each individual are looked out for with the best effect possible.

A New Bonnet Party.

A hostess sent invitations to 20 of her friends asking them to see an exhibition of imported French millinery at her home on the date specified. On the top of the invitation was a tiny figure in a perfectly enormous hat.

Every one wondered what they were to find and awaited the day with keen curiosity. They were not disappointed, for the large living room was arranged like a millinery shop; a pretty maid in cap with a long ribbon bow and a beruffled apron fluttered about speaking broken English with a charming French accent, and the hostess was in a trailing gown of unmistakable French manufacture. Around the room on hat forms were indescribable head coverings, made from waste-paper baskets, chopping bowls, colanders, bread pans, etc.

The trimming consisted of lemons, ears of corn, sunflowers, cauliflower, hollyhocks, combined with gay feather dusters, turkey quills, and even birds' nests had been pressed into service. The guests went into gales of laughter as they tried on the burlesque creations. The maid exclaimed "Si charmante, madame," in the most approved manner.

The dearest little hats made of crepe tissue paper held salted nuts when refreshments were served by maids in French costumes. The hos-

tes said paste, glue, nails, huge pins and linen thread were used in constructing the display of headgear, and really the joke hats looked about as well as the monstrosities shown in the shops and actually worn by women who consider themselves lost to the world if not adorned with the very latest head covering regardless of the fact that it may be most unbecoming.

A Basket Shower.

Did you ever happen to think how many varieties of baskets there are? I never did until my attention was called to the fact by a novel basket shower given for a September bride-to-be.

The hostess asked each guest to bring a basket of some description. As the 24 guests were all intimate friends they consulted among themselves, so the selections made did not include duplicates. There was a stunning brown Wistaria waste basket; one of same weave to hold fruit; a market basket made by a Dutch peasant; a clothes basket; tiny covered basket to hold a thimble. This was in a round work basket, that also had a scissors shield woven to match. There was a clothes hamper, and a cunning covered basket with a handle, just large enough to hold a lunch for two.

To go with these baskets there was a tea or coffee rest woven of sweet grass to use when serving on the porch, and quaint wall holders in which a tumbler could be inserted to hold wild flowers. The honored guest was perfectly delighted with this shower, for it turned out that baskets was one of her hobbies. By the way, lately I have found so many people basket crazy, some of the younger women actually taking lessons of the Indians who come to summer resorts selling the pretty creations they have made during the long winter months on the reservations.

MADAME MERRI.



Hosiery novelties include stockings of shaded silk.

Overskirts of soft material are modish and are here to stay.

Valenciennes lace, real and imitation, is in demand once more.

Cluny lace is as great a favorite as it was a season or two ago.

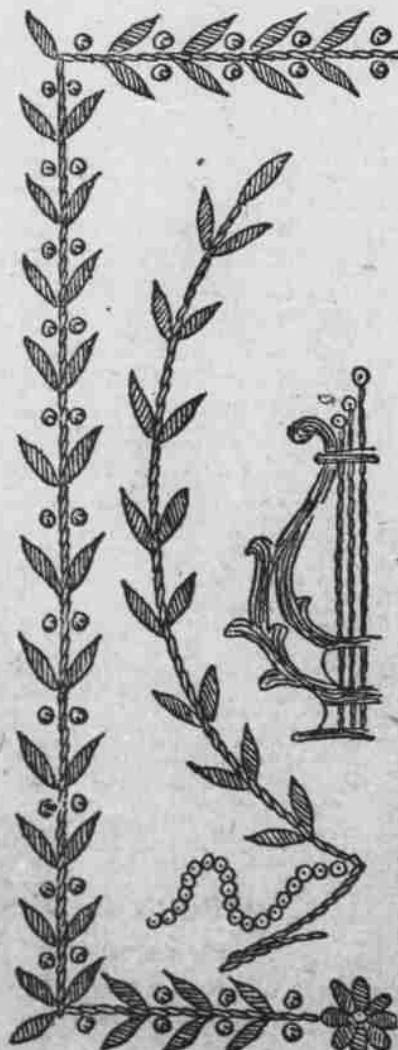
Folds and fichus over the shoulders are quite a feature of the summer evening dresses.

All of the new outing hats, as well as the finer straws, show a decided roll at the brim.

The scarf which matches the gown is becoming one of the familiar features for the light wrap.

Foulard facing for the smart revers sounds a new note in tailoring and dress combinations.

Neat Book Cover



The foundation must be cut 12 inches wide and 9 inches deep, an extra inch being allowed all round for turnings; embroider one side with the design shown; the leaves are in satin-stitch, the stalks in cording stitch, and the berries in French knots, small sequins or knots being used for the waved line at lower edge of chapter; the harp is in fine cording-stitch-work with gold tinsel thread.

If the work is at all drawn, iron it at the back over a thick blanket; now cut a piece of stout cardboard 9 inches deep, and 12 inches wide; score it with a knife twice down the center, at distances of three-quarters of an inch, but do not cut it through; stretch the embroidered material over it, turn in the edges and fix on the inside of card with secotine.

For the lining, use thin silk stretched over paper; fix evenly inside with secotine. This cover may either be fixed to the back of an old book, or it may be used for a magazine, the covers of which may be slipped under bands of elastic fixed on the lining each side of the embroidered cover.

COULDN'T GET SI TO ENTHUSE

Hired Man's Remarks Could Hardly Be Said to Be in Nature of Compliment.

The young lawyer, having been nominated for the office of county attorney, thought to surprise an eccentric genius by the name of Si who was working as a hired man on the young lawyer's father's farm.

"Well, Si, what do you think?" the young man began.

"Sometimes one thing, Lonny, an' sometimes 'nother."

"But, Si, they have nominated me for county attorney."

"They might 'a' done worse, Lonny. Howsomer, don't holler till you're out of the woods."

The young attorney was duly elected, and on his next visit to the farm announced the fact unctuously to Si, who was at the woodpile, saw in hand.

"Well, Si, I am elected by a large majority. What do you think of that?"

"Well, Lonny, down in our parts where I was raised, when we wanted a stopper, 'n' hadn't any cork, we generally took a corn cob."—Youth's Companion.

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COMFORTING.



Man in the Water—Help! Help! I'm drowning!

Droll Gent—What! you don't need help to drown, man.

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Neatly Put.

Two Quakers were having an argument, and one considered the other was speaking falsely. This is how he reproved him:

"Friend Thomas, I will not call thee by any bad name, but if the mayor were to ask me who was the greatest liar in the town I would hasten to thee and say: 'Thomas, I think the mayor greatly desireth to speak with thee.'"

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Well, Not Very Often.

The little daughter of a Republican candidate for a local office down in Philadelphia, when told that her father had received the nomination, looked serious for a moment, then her wee voice trembled a bit as she exclaimed:

"Oh, mamma! do they often die of it?"

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His Benefactions.

"Have you done anything to make the world your debtor?"

"No," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "I don't believe in encouraging bad habits. My ledger assures me that I have managed to make the world pay as it goes."

Fathos in a Fire Report.
In the annual report of the fire marshal of Kentucky the following extract is not without a suggestion of "Little Boy Blue."

"Among the odds and ends of the attic, usually are vanished furniture, rags smeared with grease to take fire themselves, painting oils liable to take fire when the sun beats on the roof, and broken toys of children who are grown and gone away, or who went to sleep long ago."

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Some are vocal under a good influence, are pleasing whenever they are pleased, and hand on their happiness to others.—R. L. Stevenson.

WAS HE RIGHT.



Mrs. Rant—Do you think men are more clever than women?
Mr. Rant—Some men are.
Mrs. Rant—Who are they?
Mr. Rant—Single men.

The Real Friction.

Actor's Wife—Do you know, my dear, this massage treatment is dreadfully expensive.

Actor (tragically)—Ay, there's the rub!

How much better it is that he should speak ill of me to all the world than that all the world should speak ill of me to him.—Torquato Tasso.

Why He Led.

The angel was making up the list. "I never asked my fellow man if it was hot enough for him," remarked Abou Ben Adhem.

And, lo! his name came in under the wire first.

A Natural Selection.

"What do you suppose would be an aeronaut's garden choice?"

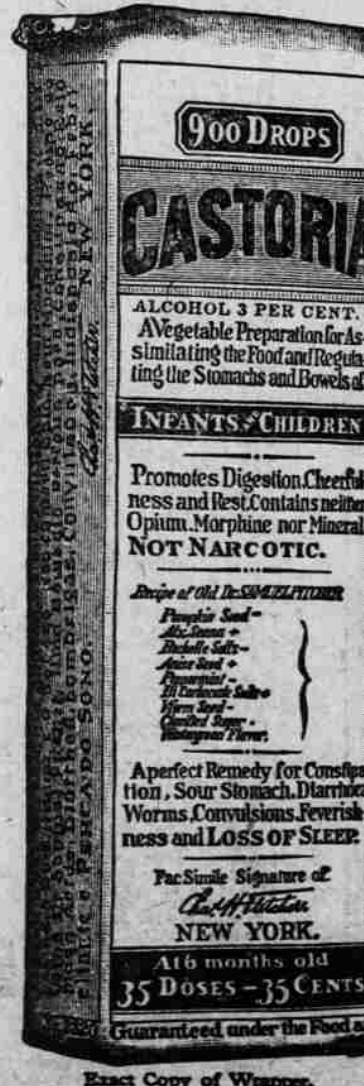
"I don't know, but I would suggest an air plant."

It is a mother's duty to keep constantly on hand some reliable remedy for use in case of sudden accident or mishap to the children. Hamlin's Wizard Oil can be depended upon for just such emergencies.

It was David who said: "All men are liars." And he might have added that married men have opportunities thrust upon them.

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